

In the Claims:

- 1.(original) A method of preparation of a free-flowing solid fragrance-providing composition, comprising the addition of a fragrance to a particulate carrier material in the presence of a water-soluble salt of an alkali or alkaline earth metal.
2. (currently amended) A method according to claim 1, in which the weight ratio of particulate carrier to water-soluble salt is from 1:1 to 1:20, ~~more preferably from 1:5 to 1:20, even more preferably from 1:10 to 1:20 and most preferably from 1:8 to 1:15.~~
3. (currently amended) A method according to claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~, in which the weight ratio of water-soluble salt to fragrance ~~perfume~~ is from 20:1 to 1.5:1, ~~more preferably from 8:1 to 5:1 or from 10:1 to 20:1.~~
- 4.(currently amended) A method according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1-3~~. in which the particulate carrier is fine, porous silica, optionally replaced to a maximum of 50% by weight of other absorbent particulate materials.
- 5.(original) A free-flowing solid fragrance-providing composition, consisting essentially of a particulate carrier on which is deposited a fragrance and a water-soluble salt of an alkali or alkaline earth metal, the composition comprising at least 60% by weight of water-soluble salt and 20% maximum by weight of particulate carrier, and the ratio of water-soluble salt to fragrance being from 20:1 to 1.5:1.
- 6.(currently amended) A composition according to claim 1 ~~claim 6~~, in which the weight ratio of particulate carrier to water-soluble salt is from 1:2 to 1:20, ~~more preferably from 1:5 to 1:20, even more preferably from 1:10 to 1:20 and most~~

~~preferably from 1:8 to 1:15~~, and the weight ratio of water-soluble salt to fragrance
~~perfume~~ is from 8:1 to 5:1.

7.(currently amended) A composition according to claim 6, in which the weight
ratio of particulate carrier to water-soluble salt is from 1:2 to 1:20,~~more~~
~~preferably from 1:5 to 1:20, even more preferably from 1:10 to 1:20 and most~~
~~preferably from 1:8 to 1:15~~, and the weight ratio of water-soluble salt to fragrance
~~perfume~~ is from 10:1 to 20:1.

8.(currently amended) A method of providing a fragrance to a substrate during
washing or rinsing, comprising the adding to the wash or rinse water of a free-
flowing solid fragrance-providing composition according to claim 5 ~~any one of~~
~~claims 5-7~~.

9. (new) A method according to claim 2, in which the weight ratio of particulate
carrier to water-soluble salt is from 1:5 to 1:20.

10. (new) A method according to claim 9, in which the weight ratio of particulate
carrier to water-soluble salt is from 1:10 to 1:20.

11. (new) A method according to claim 2, in which the weight ratio of particulate
carrier to water-soluble salt is from 1:8 to 1:15.

12. (new) A method according to claim 3, in which the weight ratio of water-soluble
salt to fragrance is from 8:1 to 5:1.

13. (new) A method according to claim 12 in which the weight ratio of water-soluble
salt to fragrance is from 10:1 to 20:1.

- 14.(new) A composition according to claim 6, in which the weight ratio of particulate carrier to water-soluble salt is from 1:5 to 1:20, and the weight ratio of water-soluble salt to fragrance is from 8:1 to 5:1.
- 15.(new) A composition according to claim 14, in which the weight ratio of particulate carrier to water-soluble salt is from 1:10 to 1:20, and the weight ratio of water-soluble salt to fragrance is from 8:1 to 5:1.
- 16.(new) A composition according to claim 15, in which the weight ratio of particulate carrier to water-soluble salt is from 1:8 to 1:15, and the weight ratio of water-soluble salt to fragrance is from 8:1 to 5:1.
- 17.(new) A composition according to claim 6, in which the weight ratio of particulate carrier to water-soluble salt is from 1:2 to 1:20, and the weight ratio of water-soluble salt to fragrance is from 10:1 to 20:1.
- 18.(new) A composition according to claim 7, in which the weight ratio of particulate carrier to water-soluble salt is from 1:5 to 1:20 and the weight ratio of water-soluble salt to fragrance is from 10:1 to 20:1.
- 19.(new) A composition according to claim 18, in which the weight ratio of particulate carrier to water-soluble salt is from 1:10 to 1:20 and the weight ratio of water-soluble salt to fragrance is from 10:1 to 20:1.
- 20.(new) A method of providing a fragrance to a substrate during washing or rinsing, comprising the adding to the wash or rinse water of a free-flowing solid fragrance-providing composition according to claim 6.